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SUBJECT: NCUSCT DELEGATION TO PRC

REFERENCE: HONG KONG 10372

PASS NCUSCT CANTON FAIR REP EUGENE THEROUX FROM NCUSCT/
WASHDC AMBASSADOR PHILLIPS. URGENT.

1. CHINESE HAVE INFORMED US NO PLANE CONNECTION POSSIBLE
BETWEEN HONG KONG AND PEKING ON MONDAYS. HAVE THEREFORE
GIVEN US CHOICE OF ARRIVING NOVEMBER FOUR OR SIX. OUR
PREFERENCE IS LEAVE HONG KONG SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER
FOUR WITH OVERNIGHT STAY IN CANTON TO ENABLE US MEET
AMERICAN BUSINESS REPS AT FAIR. WE WOULD PLAN TO LEAVE
CANTON FOR PEKING ON 12:45 P.M. CAAC FLIGHT, MONDAY
NOVEMBER 5. HAVE CONVEYED THIS REQUEST TO PRCLO AND THEY
HAVE AGREED ASK CCPIT IF IT IS FEASIBLE TO PUT US UP IN
CANTON, SUNDAY NIGHT. THEY ASSURE US PROMPT REPLY. IF
IMPOSSIBLE, WE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG SUNDAY MORNING BY
TRAIN FOR DIRECT TRIP TO PEKING. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS A
4:35 P.M. FLIGHT SUNDAY FROM CANTON TO PEKING. WE
REQUEST RESERVATIONS ON THIS FLIGHT IF OVERNIGHT STAY IN
CANTON IMPOSSIBLE.

2. FOR CONGEN DPO DAVID DEAN FROM AMBASSADOR PHILLIPS.

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DELEGATION MEMBERS AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR

INVITATION FOR LUNCH SUNDAY. UNFORTUNATELY, UNDER
REVISED SCHEDULE, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ACCEPT.
I WILL IN ANY CASE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER TWO.

3. CONGEN IS REQUESTED TO INFORM PENINSULA HOTEL THAT
UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION
(REFTEL) WILL BE CHECKING OUT SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4.
NCUSCT IS WRITING TO CTS (HK) AS SUGGESTED REFTEL,
REQUESTING SPACE ON SUNDAY TRAIN TO CANTON, WILL CONFIRM
ONWARD TRAVEL CANTON/PEKING AS SOON AS WORD RECEIVED
FROM CCPIT. KISSINGER

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